

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 325 without my signature.

While I respect the author's intent to establish a statewide system of accountability for postsecondary education and a framework to assess the collective contribution of California's institutions of higher education toward meeting statewide economic and educational goals, this bill falls short in providing any framework for incentives or consequences that would modify behavior to meet any policy objectives. I believe our public education systems should be held accountable for achieving results, including our higher education segments, and would consider a measure in the future that provides adequate mechanisms that will effectuate tangible gains in student outcomes and operational efficiencies.

For these reasons, I cannot support SB 325 in its current form.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger